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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 00-1278)

In the Application of: )  
**Lawton et al.** )  
Serial No.: **09/765,739** ) Art Unit: 1645  
Filed: **January 18, 2001** ) Examiner: V. Ford

For: **Compositions and Methods for Detection of *Ehrlichia canis* and *Ehrlichia chaffeensis* Antibodies**

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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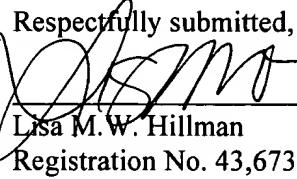
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Respectfully submitted,

  
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